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Alii'oya - Mandalorian Wolf

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Mech Fan

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Name: Basic: Mandalorian Wolf/Pack Hunter. Mando'a: Alii'oya.

Biology: Mammalian canid predators, the Mandalorian wolf, or alii'oya as they are known in Mando'a, are massive and powerful animals. Adults from the woodland areas in the vicinity of Norg Bral basin measure 160–215 cm in length, 110–115 cm in shoulder height and weigh on average 52–70 kg, with a maximum weight of 89–100 kg. One of the largest

on record was killed after the Yuuzan Vong War in the same region, and weighed 98 kilograms. In the wild, wolves have been recorded to live up to twenty years, and the oldest wolf in captivity was over 36 years old when it passed away from old age. Wolves also don't enter menopause, and are capable of bearing pups from the age of two.

The fur is generally very coarse, with some soft wool intermixed, and a pronounced mane. The summer fur is a mix of ochrous and rusty ochrous tones with light grey. The guard hairs are tipped with black, and are especially pronounced on the back, forming a dark stripe running down the spine. The flanks and the outer side of the legs are white. The muzzle is pale-ochrous grey, while the circumference of the lips and lower cheeks are white. The neck is ochrous with black-tipped fur on the upper side. The winter fur is generally brighter in colour, due to the more prominent underfur. Ochrous tones are less pronounced, giving way to smoky grey tones. Animals near, and south of, Keldabe tend to be more richly coloured than their northern relatives. There have been cases of pure white specimens but they are exceedingly rare, and may be mere cases of albinism.

Like the Mandalorians, the Alii'oya live in extended family groups, called packs, ranging between anywhere between two adults to twenty (depending on the available prey), but with only one breeding pair, whom dominates the other members of the packs through force and violence. The other animals are usually the adult offspring of the breeding pair. However, every member of the pack helps in the hunt, working as a team to bring down larger prey species, or hunt enough smaller prey animals to survive. The entire pack also helps raise the young, that come in litters of five to six in average, though this number has been shown to increase in times where prey is abundant.

Mandalorian wolves mate for life, and will stay together for as long as they both live. However, should a member of the breeding pair die, the surviving member will quickly seek out a new mate, and reestablish the dominant pair. Should they fail to do so, the pack will fall apart and its members seek to join new, or form their own, packs.

In northern areas, such as the region near Norg Bral, the Alii'oya create dens, or use natural caves or other forms of shelter in which to den and take shelter from the more extreme forms of the elements. In the areas south of Keldabe, where it is warmer and a more stable climate, they are more willing to lie in the open for their diurnal rest. But even in the southern regions they keep their pups in dens until they are strong enough to run, and hunt, with the rest of the pack, keeping them safe from other predators, such as the strill, whom won't think twice of killing off the competition before it can fight back.

A wolf's territory can range between several hundreds, to a few thousands of square kilometers wide. It all depends on the amount of prey animals, and the size of the pack. They are also extremely territorial, and will defend their territory quite savagely from other packs.

Subspecies: No.

Sentience: As any Mandalorian will tell you, the Alii'oya is a highly intelligent, and highly social predator, and capable of learning and adapting their strategies according to the situation, and may thus be considered semi-sentient.

The Mandalorian wolf is even capable of telling the difference between an armed sentient compared to one that is unarmed, and have keen memories, and while at times unpredictable and unmanageable, they are fully capable of learning and being trained by patient sentients.

One tamed wolf was able to recognize it's master after a six year absence. Several trappers and huntsmen have reported alii'oya digging up, and disabling, simple traps, and have learned to hide from the sound of engines. Even while presented with a vast amount of food, wolves will always go after the easiest source of food, and have been known to wait patiently for hunters to finish skinning a kill, before moving in to feed.

Strengths: Intelligent and adaptable, they are quick learner, and pass on what they know to their young. Extremely keen senses, especially that of hearing, being able to hear up to a frequency of 26 kHz, which is sufficient to register the fall of leaves in the autumn period. Their night vision is also keener than most canid species. The wolf can exert a crushing pressure of perhaps 3,500 lbf/in². This force is sufficient to break open most bones.

In cold climates, the alii'oya can reduce the flow of blood near its skin to conserve body heat. The warmth of the footpads is regulated independently of the rest of the body, and is maintained at just above tissue-freezing point where the pads come in contact with ice and snow.

The Mandalorian wolf has an incredible amount of endurance and stamina, capable of maintaining a loping gait of 12 - 15 km/h for several hours, allowing them to cover vast areas quickly. Their maximum speed has been clocked to be somewhere between 55 - 60

km/h, allowing them to run down most prey.

The Mandalorian wolves are also extremely healthy as a species. While some do fall prey to sickness and parasites, there has never has never been a reported case of an epidemic or a decimation within wolf numbers related to disease or illness.

Weaknesses: Certain sounds, such as the low minor chords of string instruments, cause extreme discomfort and distress. Inability to discern between certain colours. Territorial (see above). Reliance upon a pack system.

Diet: Primarily carnivorous, the majority of their diet is comprised of shatual, vhe'viin, and watsip, but they have been known to consume plants and berries upon occasion. They are not above scavenging, and have been known to steal kills from strill. They appear reluctant to consume the flesh of strills.

Behavior/Temperament: Like most predatory pack species, alii'oya are aggressive and distrustful towards outsiders, though prolonged, non-aggressive, exposure may lessen this behaviour somewhat. As previously mentioned, they are intelligent and are willing to change and modify their behaviour to suit the situation. They are also very protective of a kill, and all Mandalorians are taught to stay well clear of an alii'oya kill.

Communication: The most noticeable method of communication between Mandalorian wolves, is howling. These howls can be heard for well over 160 km^{[SUP]2[/SUP]}, and are used in a great variety of methods, such as to lay claim to territory, to rally the pack to a kill, or simply to be social. They also communicate through a wide selection of growls, yelps, yips, whimpers, and a vast range of gestures, expressions and other forms of body language.

Planet: Native to Mandalore. Later exported to other Mandalorian worlds, such as Concord Dawn, Ordo, Shogun, Gargon, Mandallia, etc.

Culture: N/A

Technology: N/A

History: One of Mandalore's native species, they evolved alongside the shataul, their main prey and the strill, their main rivals. The alii'oya were present when the Taung came to

Mandalore, and when said species wiped out the giant Mythosaurs, the title of apex predator was passed down unto the strill and the Mandalorian wolf.

The Taung, whom became the first Mandalorians, were impressed with the alii'oya, whom shared many of the same aspects of their own culture. Both held family at the core, both lived in extended family groups, and they all helped their family to survive. It was then obvious that some Mandalorians sought out and bonded with the Mandalorian wolves, whom they named "Alii'oya", in their native tongue of Mando'a, meaning "Pack Hunter". And as the Mandalorians moved to settle other planets in the Mandalore sector, they brought their tamed alii'oya.

And inevitably, some managed to escape, and establish new, feral, packs on other Mandalorian worlds, such as Ordo, Mandallia, Shogun, and Gargon.

Notable PCs: N/A

Intent: To flesh out Mandalore and the sector, and allow Mandalorian players to play Beast Masters if desired, without taking a Strill. Very few species of Mandalore are known, nevermind fleshed out.

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Kiro, Nov 18, 2012

#1



Solaris

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Kiro said: ↑

The Mandalorian wolf has an incredible amount of endurance and stamina, capable of maintaining a loping gait of 12 - 15 km/h for several hours, allowing them to cover vast areas quickly. Their maximum speed has been clocked to be somewhere between 70 - 80 km/h, allowing them to run down most prey.

That top speed is biomechanically quite difficult. Wolves seem to have a top end of about forty mph (64 km/h) ([link](#)), *maybe* as much as forty-five (72 km/h).

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Solaris, Nov 18, 2012

#2

Great job, Kiro. You weren't exaggerating when you told me you had gone into detail about these... well done!

**Vencu**

The Last Mandalore

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Vencu, Nov 18, 2012

#3

**Kiro**

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Solaris said: ↑

That top speed is biomechanically quite difficult. Wolves seem to have a top end of about forty miles per hour ([link](#)), *maybe* as much as forty-five.

Yeah, I'm aware of the wolves natural speed (and please, use Km/h, I'm Norwegian so I use the metric system, and it's what Johnny and Xeno both prefer us to use on these boards), but these are bigger than the normal wolf, so I decided to boost their speed a little. Longer gait means that you can cover more ground.

EDIT: Besides, unless my math is off, which it probably is, $70 \text{ Km/h} = 46.66(6\text{xinfinity}) \text{ mp/h}$... so it's not that much of a boost.

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#4

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These things fall into the 'big wolf' range, and definitely within the ranges of big dogs. The Mando wolves aren't *that* big. Larger animals have trouble getting up to speed due to metabolic requirements and mass - that's why body shape plays more of a role than size when we're talking about megafauna. That's why cheetahs are built the way they are, and they're pretty much the only predatory animal who can do this thing's top speed. The whole cheetah is specialized to squeeze out that last few kph. If scaling up were all that were required, Great Danes would be the fastest dog breeds and not greyhounds.

Sorry, I forget sometimes that Americans are about the only ones who use both systems interchangeably.

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Solaris, Nov 18, 2012

#5

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Yeah, I know, the cheeta is almost overspecialized. I honestly based their size off of Great Danes, tbh, then scaled regular wolves up to match their height (using Wikipedia's entry on the Gray Wolf as a base). I might have messed up the speed, but it's not a big deal, I'm more than happy to dial it back to match regular wolves. Besides, they would only use that speed in very brief bursts anyway.

I didn't make these as something for Mandos to bring into war (though they could), it's more because there's next to nothing known about Mandalore's ecosystem, and I plan to flesh it out. This was the first step.

Kiro, Nov 18, 2012

#6

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I saw it was a natural critter, that's why I said something. Creatures that've been artificially enhanced can pull off tricks that natural critters can't, after all. I'm not terribly concerned about warbeasts being OP - no matter what the animal can do, a machine can do it better.

Solaris, Nov 18, 2012

#7

**Gaja**

ItsAGajaThing

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Credit: 0

I am liking the influx of awesome giant animals! Well done Kiro, read everything and really like it. The top speed though does sound a bit much tbh, though it's not really a bit deal I think you should tone it down just a bit. Liking that you took upon yourself to expand the ecosystem of the Mando's certainly a very good first step.

Everyone needs giant wolves! :CHappy

Gaja, Nov 19, 2012

#8

Lowered their max speed.

**Kiro**

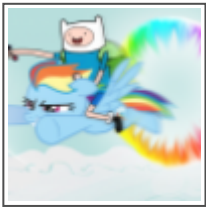
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Kiro, Nov 19, 2012

#9



Approved

Johnnysaurus Rex

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Johnnysaurus Rex, Nov 20, 2012

#10

**TheLastLine**

Member

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Messages: 276
Credit: 0

It is ashame they are not alittle bit bigger so we could ride them into battle like space wolves

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Still pretty awesome though, might find some excuse to get one ^^

TheLastLine, Jan 3, 2013

#11

**Kiro**

Mech Fan

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Hehe, I *was* tempted to scale them up to Fenrisian/Thunderwolf sizes, but I decided against it. We have the *Bes'ulike* for a reason.

Kiro, Jan 3, 2013

#12

**Solaris**

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I'm disappointed in the Mandalorians for not breeding up some big enough to ride around.

Solaris, Jan 3, 2013

#13

**Kiro**

Mech Fan

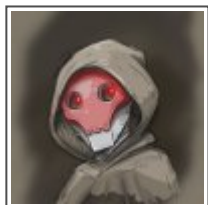
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Finally updated with picture.

Kiro, Jun 1, 2013

#14

**Rom**

Memes, dawg. Memes.

SWRP Writer

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I want one...

Rom, Jun 1, 2013

#15

Rom said: ↑

**Dmitri**

HR Admin

RP Administrator

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I want one...

I'll get you one for Bacmas.

Dmitri, Jun 1, 2013

#16

**Kiro**

Mech Fan

SWRP Writer

Joined: May 1, 2012
Messages: 5,086
Credit: 0

Rom said: ↑

I want one...

Then get one! Nothing stoppin' ya, Rommenstein.

Kiro, Jun 5, 2013

#17

**Sisk_Renelo**

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And Sisk is getting himself two new pets. Awesome write up!

Sisk_Renelo, Jun 5, 2013

#18

**Silver Cutlass**

Rowdy Rebel

Might have to get one for Lyon.

Silver Cutlass, Jun 5, 2013

#19

SWRP Writer

Joined: Mar 4, 2013

Messages: 2,005

Credit: 0



I want... Nay! Need! One of these fine beasts.

T.J, Jun 5, 2013

#20

T.J

Undercover Mando

SWRP Writer

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Credit: 0

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